



## LASSEN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, September 7, 2000

Memorial Hall, Bieber, California

**Members Present:** Dave Jones, Cheryl Smith, Jim Chapman, Patsy Jimenez, Yvonne O'Neill  
**Members Absent:** Betsy Elam, Barbara Malone  
**Staff to the Commission:** Laura Roberts  
**Visitors Present:** Leesa Bricker, Dan Bouse, Janet Kelly, Gloria Reyes, Greta Gordon, Shannon Gerig, Brian Dahle

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Smith at 7:05 p.m. at the Memorial Hall in Bieber, California.
2. **Introductions:** All members of the Commission and visitors introduced themselves.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Jim Chapman moved that the minutes of 6/1/2000 and 6/22/2000 be approved as submitted. Dave Jones seconded the motion, and the Commission approved the minutes unanimously.
3. **Fiscal Report:** President, Cheryl Smith, reported that as of 9/5/2000 we have a balance of \$520,731.56 in the trust account. Items presented for payment were Robert F. Driver Insurance Company for our Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, reimbursement of costs of attending the Childrens Commission Conference in Davis (2 motel rooms and mileage for 2 vehicles). Patsy Jimenez moved that the insurance bill be paid, Yvonne O'Neill seconded the motion. The Commission passed the motion unanimously. Jim Chapman moved that the travel costs be reimbursed, Dave Jones seconded the motion, and the Commission voted unanimously to pay the reimbursement costs. Commissioner Chapman suggested that a list of bills be submitted to the Commissioners prior to the meeting so it can be acted upon as a whole rather than in parts. Laura is to present items for payment in this manner from now on. It was also suggested that an item regarding the adoption of a policy be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so that the Executive Director can have authority to authorize payment of certain items. Laura is to draft a policy and submit prior to the next meeting.
4. **Letter of Resignation of Melanie Goddard:** Commissioner Chapman reported that the matter to authorize the Clerk to begin recruitment for the position vacated by Melanie Goddard is on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for 9/12/2000.
5. **Updates: Dental Conference:** Laura reported that a consultant, Beverly Isman, has been selected and a teleconference was held last week to begin the development of the conference. The counties involved are Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, and Sierra. A tentative date for the conference has been set for October 23 and 24. Tentatively the event is set for Feather River Inn in Plumas County. Each county is in the process of identifying their strategic players. The next teleconference is set for 9/11/00 at 11:00 a.m. Laura reported that expenses associated with the conference are being offset by a grant received from the California Children and Families Commission. Both the State Commission and the Technical Support Center are assisting the four counties in preparing this planning opportunity.**Travel Costs to Director's Meetings and State Meetings, as well as Administrative Costs:** Laura reported that there is a movement underway to request supplemental allocations for small counties to help cover administrative costs. The Lucille Packard Foundation has offered to pay travel costs to Director's Meetings and State meetings for small counties up to \$400 per event, through the end of December. **Audit Completion:** Laura reported that our annual audit was conducted last week. A final report concerning the audit should be received from Bartig, Basler, & Ray, but the end of September. Laura also stated that we need to have a public hearing on this audit so that will appear on the October 5<sup>th</sup>, Agenda. **Strategic Plan Work:** Commissioner Chapman explained that childrens dental health is the first area to be addressed by the Commission, however, our entire plan would be the subject of revision soon so that we can define better the areas where funds will be invested in the communities. The method that we take to "get specific" is to be determined and will be the target of several

of our next meetings.

3. **North County Solutions to Identified Needs:** A brief discussion ensued about how to get specific in the work plans about solutions to meet the needs of the targeted children and families. It was the consensus of those present to form a community advisory group. By consensus the members present appointed Brian Dahle to be the chairman of the advisory group, with the members being Dave Jones, Leesa Bricker, Dan Bouse, Janet Kelly, Gloria Reyes, Greta Gordon, and Shannon Gerig. Laura Roberts is to be staff to the advisory group and help them as much as possible in their meetings and tasks. They are going to meet and prioritize their needs and come up with a plan and a request for funding. The Commission is going to meet again in Bieber in February, weather permitting, and also have another public forum in March or April in Bieber.. Laura is to send copies of the Strategic Plan to the members of the advisory group who stated they don't have one.
4. **Open Comment:** A discussion was held on the barriers to dental care in the area. Mr. Bouse pointed out that California State Licensing for dentists creates barriers also. The Clinic in Bieber has been trying to hire a dentist for a long time without results. He stated that it is very difficult to find a dentist licensed in California that wants to move to a remote and isolated area. He added that the dental associations should work with the legislature to modify licensing requirements so that California can attract dentists from other states. He added that Military bases and Indian reservations are exempt from the licensing restrictions so perhaps work and discussion should take place to see how these facilities can be used to increase dental services. In the discussion it wasn't clear if Federally Qualified Health Clinics are exempt or not.
5. **Set Next Meeting Date, Time, and Tentative Agenda:** The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be held on October 5, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the Barry Creek Meeting Center at 1345 Paul Bunyan Road, Sutie B, Susanville, California. The public is invited to attend. Tentative topics for the agenda include, Public Hearing on Local Audit and Annual Report, Adoption of reimbursement policy, Dental Conference Update, Presentation from Alcohol & Drug Promises Program, Big Valley Advisory Committee Update, Fiscal Report, Investment Practices, and Open Comment.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura J. Roberts, Executive Director